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1999 National Crime Victim Service Awards

**VICTIMS' VOICES:
SILENT NO MORE**



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*Victims' Voices: Silent No More***Solicitation Announcement**

The Office for Victims of Crime invites you to submit a nomination for the National Crime Victim Service Award, the highest Federal honor for victim advocacy. In making your nomination, we encourage you to recognize programs and individuals who have made significant contributions to the crime victims field. Recipients of the awards will be honored in Washington, D.C. during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Significance of the National Crime Victim Service Awards

As the discipline of crime victim services has grown over the years, so has the number of remarkable individuals and organizations that significantly contribute to its success. Today, the field includes countless people and programs that, through vision, action and leadership, improve the lives of victims in the aftermath of crime.

Each year, the President and Attorney General honor extraordinary individuals or programs who provide services to victims of crime through the prestigious National Crime Victim Service Awards. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) within the Department of Justice coordinates the submission of nominations for programs and individuals whose work has been particularly innovative and pioneering, and who exemplify the long-term commitment that characterizes many of our nation's victim service providers, some of whom are themselves victims of crime. The award-winning nominees will be honored at a special ceremony held during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Biographies and accomplishments of former award recipients can be found on OVC's Home Page at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/>.

About the Office for Victims of Crime

OVC was created in 1984 and formally established by a 1988 amendment to the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to support services for crime victims and training and technical assistance for the field and to advocate for the fair treatment of victims. For more information about OVC, call the OVC Resource Center at 1-800-627-6872, or visit the OVC Home Page.

Nomination Submission Guidelines

1. Each nomination form must be accompanied by a nomination letter. If you, the nominator, are affiliated with an organization, your nomination letter should be submitted on official stationery and contain your signature, as well as your position/title. No anonymous nominations will be accepted.
2. Each form must include the nominee's full name, date of birth, social security number, address, telephone number, and signature.
3. Your nomination letter should not exceed two single-spaced, single-sided, letter-sized (8 1/2" x 11") pages. It should reflect as much as you know about your nominee's accomplishments and services in support of crime victims. The nomination letter should address each of the following questions:
 - What activities has the nominee accomplished on behalf of crime victims?
 - How long has the individual or program been serving victims of crime?

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- If the nominee is a paid professional working with crime victims, how may his or her contributions qualify as "beyond the call of duty?"
 - What is the impact of the nominee's service or program on the community or other jurisdiction?
 - How have the actions of the nominee influenced attitudes, policies, or practices in victim services?
4. Please provide any additional information about the individual or program you are nominating that should be taken into consideration in the review process. Supporting documentation, such as newspaper articles or resumés, can be attached if it is pertinent to the nominee's contributions. Please note: videos, bound publications, and notebooks should not be submitted. Only supporting documentation submitted with the nomination form will be accepted.
 5. The entire nomination package, including supplemental information and letters of support, may not exceed 10 single-spaced, singled-sided, letter-sized pages. Nominations exceeding this limit will not be considered.
 6. Please provide an original and four copies of the entire nomination package.
2. Nominees can represent local, state, Federal, and tribal professionals and volunteers in both direct victim services and allied professions.
 3. Candidates nominated, but not selected, in previous years are also eligible for consideration.
 4. Elected officials are not eligible for consideration.

**"I am so very proud to
present this award to
these men and women
who devoted their lives
to making a difference
— to making positive
change — for the
benefit of others."**

**Attorney General
Janet Reno**

Deadlines for Submitting Nominations

Your nomination form and supporting materials must be received no later than November 13, 1998. Your nomination package should be mailed to:

**Office for Victims of Crime
Attention: National Crime
Victims' Rights Week
Committee
810 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20531**

Please note: Nominations postmarked but not received by the above date will not be accepted.

Eligibility Guidelines

1. You may nominate one or more worthy candidates, including:
 - Individuals
 - Programs
 - A network or coalition of individuals and/or programs

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the National Crime Victim Service Awards nomination or selection process, please contact Diane Wells at (202) 307-5983. The OVC fax number is (202) 514-6383 or (202) 305-2440.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information

If you are nominating an organization or program,
please provide the name of the individual who would accept
the award on behalf of that organization or program

Name _____ ☐ Individual
☐ Organization/Program

Mailing Address
 (Street Address or P.O. Box) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone Number () _____ Fax Number () _____
 Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Social Security _____

The nominee must sign below. Otherwise, the nomination will not be accepted for consideration.
 The signature authorizes the Office for Victims of Crime within the U.S. Department of Justice to conduct
 a criminal history background check.

Signature of Nominee _____
 If nominee is an organization or program, signature of individual authorized to accept award

Nominator Information

Name _____ Title (If Applicable) _____
 Mailing Address
 (Street Address or P.O. Box) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone Number () _____ Fax Number () _____

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Signature of Nominator _____

THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO REACH OUT TO DIVERSE
 COMMUNITIES. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NOMINEE ARE OPTIONAL.

RACE: _____ GENDER: _____ ETHNICITY: _____ DISABILITY: _____

PRIMARY AREA OF SERVICE: ☐ URBAN ☐ RURAL ☐ TRIBAL